

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
TAX POLICY**

Wednesday, April 19, 2006

9:00 A.M.

Room 521 House Office Building

Chairman Sheen called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Zelenko, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (16/17)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Rep. Farrah. (1/17)

Representative Gosselin moved to excuse absent members. **Representative Hoogendyk** supported the motion. There being no objection, absent members were excused.

Representative Jones moved to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2006 meeting.

Representative Meyer supported the motion. Without objection, the minutes were approved.

Chairman Sheen laid **HB 5541** and **HB 5761** before the committee.

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| HB 5541 Gosselin | Property tax exemptions; real and personal property of fraternal and veterans organizations; exempt. |
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| HB 5761 Jones | Businesses; nonprofit corporations; Masonic associations; exempt property used for Masonic purposes from property tax. |
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Representative Bob Gosselin, sponsor of **HB 5541**, testified before the committee.

Representative Rick Jones, sponsor of **HB 5761**, testified before the committee.

Paul Tarr, representing the Michigan Masonic Foundation, testified before the committee in support of **HB 5761**.

Richard Ruhland, representing the Michigan Masonic Foundation, testified before the committee in support of **HB 5761**.

Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 5541** and **HB 5761**.

Jim Bowman, representing the Michigan Moose Association, testified before the committee in support of **HB 5541**.

Bill Anderson, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified before the committee on **HB 5541** and **HB 5761**.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 5541** and **HB 5761**.

Summer H Minnick, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 5541** and **HB 5761**.

There being no further business before the committee, **Chairman Sheen** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:34 a.m.

Representative Fulton Sheen, Chair

Eric Esch, Committee Clerk (517) 373-0070